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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1093

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, GE

SUBJECT: GDR PERMITS FOR RESIDING IN EAST BERLIN

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ANNOUNCED, JUNE 27, THAT 1954 ORDINANCE OF BERLIN MAGISTRAT REQUIRING CITIZENS OF GDR TO OBTAIN SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION IN ORDER TO RESIDE IN BERLIN, "THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR," HAS BEEN RESCINDED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF MEASURE WAS TO LESSEN PRESENT DISTINCTION UNDER EAST GERMAN LAW BETWEEN GDR AND EAST BERLIN. IT MAY INDEED HAVE HAD THIS PRIMARILY POLITICAL AIM, INSPIRED BY RECENT SOVIET STATEMENT IN UN INSISTING THAT BERLIN IS INTEGRAL PART OF GDR; ON OTHER HAND, IT MAY REPRESENT SIMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE STEP DESIGNED TO FACILITATE HORIZONTAL MOBILITY OF EAST GERMANS AND PERHAPS TO HELP REDRESS DECLINING POPULATION OF EAST BERLIN.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BRITISH MISSION HAS REPORTED

THIS GDR MEASURE TO ITS BONN EMBASSY, AND THAT LATTER
MAY POSSIBLY RAISE IT FOR CONSIDERATION IN BONN GROUP.
MISSION'S VIEW IS THAT ALLIED REACTION, IN
TERMS OF STATEMENT TO SOVIET EMBASSY, IS SCARCELY
WARRANTED. END COMMENT.KLEIN

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